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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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|-----------|--|
| Exhibit A | ADC Telecommunications brochure entitled "Next Generation Frame (NGF) Product Family Ordering Guide," 21 pages, dated 10/98.                                 |
| Exhibit B | ADC Telecommunications brochure entitled "FL2000 Products," 48 pages, dated 11/96.   |
| Exhibit C | ADC Telecommunications brochure entitled "Fiber Cable Management Products, Second Edition," 144 pages, dated 10/95.  |
|           | "ADC OMX 600 Optical Distribution Frame Solution," ADC Telecommunications, Inc., Publication No. 856, 8 pgs. (February 2000).                                |
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